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Scargill trips alarm

Arthur Scargill has rung new alarm bells with his communist bloc connections. The National Union of Miners leader had evoked the suspicions of his executive committee with his secret contacts with Libyan intelligence operatives at the height of the miners' strike last October. One of the Libyans was the personal bagman of Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

Since then Mr. Scargill has traveled to the Soviet Union and other East bloc countries. More recently, Mr. Scargill went to Prague via Paris for a meeting of the Moscow-controlled World Federation of Trade Unions, which is based in the Czech capital. He held talks on how to set up a new Miners International, which would include all the eastern countries.

The move is strongly opposed by the executive of his own union.

On his return from Prague, Mr. Scargill wrote a piece for the British communist daily Morning Star in which he came out in favor of the party's pro-Soviet faction. He thanked the paper for its "magnificent support for the miners' struggle." Mr. Scargill has been asked by the executive to explain how his trips to the East have been financed. So far, he has not supplied an answer.